

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

CHARTER

PREAMBLE: The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. Section 5601 et. Seq., Public Law 93-415, as amended by Public Law 102-586, hereinafter referred to as the "JJDP Act," was most recently reauthorized on November 4, 1992, by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Amendments of 1992. Under the 1992 amendments, Congress continued the establishment of a Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (the Council) under Section 206, but restructured its membership. Nine citizen members were added to the Council to join nine federal agency members. The nine citizen members, appointed without regard to political affiliation, are practitioners in the field of juvenile justice who are not officers or employees of the United States.

Official Designation: Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Authority and Scope: The Council constitutes an "Advisory Committee" under Section 3 (2) (A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. Therefore, the Council will operate pursuant to the provisions of FACA, the implementing GSA regulations at 41 CFR Part 101-6, OJP Instruction I 2100.1, and any other applicable orders and directives issued to implement FACA.

The Council is established by Section 206 of the JJDP Act of 1974, as amended, and 41 CFR Section 101-6.1005 (a). The scope of the Council's functions is limited to the activities specified in Section 206 (a) - (g) of the JJDP Act and the terms of this Charter.

Duration: Continuing.

Reporting Relationship: The Council reports to the Attorney General of the United States. The Attorney General shall serve as Chairman of the Council. The Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) shall serve as Vice Chairman of the Council. The Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

Support: The OJJDP, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice, will support the Council's activities.

Duties: The Council shall:

- 1) Coordinate all Federal juvenile delinquency programs (in cooperation with state and local juvenile justice programs), Federal programs and activities that detain or care for unaccompanied juveniles, and Federal programs relating to missing and exploited children;

- 2) Examine how the separate programs can be coordinated among Federal, State and local governments to better serve at-risk youth;
- 3) Review the programs and practices of Federal agencies focusing and reporting especially on programs aimed at reducing juvenile delinquency and crime, programs focusing on crime prevention efforts, early intervention strategies, effective enforcement approaches, and/or post-incarceration initiatives, especially those with a demonstrated propensity to lower recidivism rates and report on the degree to which Federal funds are used for purposes which are consistent or inconsistent with the core requirements of paragraphs (12) (A), (13) and (14) of Section 223 (a) of the JJDP Act;
- 4) Review and make recommendations with respect to joint funding proposals undertaken between OJJDP and any agency represented on the Council;
- 5) Review the reasons why Federal agencies take juveniles into custody and make recommendations regarding how to improve Federal practices and facilities for holding juveniles in custody; and
- 6) Make recommendations to the President and to the Congress, at least annually, regarding the coordination of overall policy and development of objectives and priorities for all Federal juvenile delinquency programs and activities that detain or care for unaccompanied juveniles.

Operating Costs: The estimated annual operating costs associated with supporting the Council are not expected to exceed \$200,000 per year excluding all direct and indirect expenses. It is estimated that a staff person will be necessary to support the Council.

Organization: The Council will create any subcommittee(s) which may be necessary to fulfill its mission. In addition, the Council will establish such operating procedures as are required to support its functions, operation, and activities, consistent with FACA, as amended.

Membership: The members of the Council are the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Administrator of the OJJDP, The Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, such other officers of Federal agencies who may hold significant decision-making authority as the President may designate, and nine citizen members who are practitioners in the field of juvenile justice and who are not officers or employees of the United States.

Three citizen members are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, after consultation with the minority leader of the House of Representatives; three members are appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, after consultation with the minority leader of the Senate; and three members are appointed by the President.

Of the citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one is appointed for a term of one year; one is appointed for a term of two years; and one is appointed for a term of three years. The same terms apply for citizen members appointed by the majority leader of the Senate and the President.

Presidential appointments begin officially on the expiration date of the term assigned to the member who was replaced (regardless of the date on which the new appointment was actually made). After the expiration of the term for which a member is appointed, such member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

Meetings: The Council shall meet at least Quarterly.

Date of Termination: The Council will terminate two years from the date of this Charter, unless otherwise provided by law.

Charter Filing Date

I grant this Charter on December 5, 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ashcroft", written over a horizontal line.

John Ashcroft
Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice